

On my way home from Ohio I stopped over Sunday with the brethren in Washington. I found an unabated zeal there among the few brethren and sisters to continue the work, with a strong hope that they will soon have the much needed house of worship. In my contact with the brethren in both Pennsylvania and Ohio I found more readiness to respond to our needs in Washington than for any other work at present under way. Just a little more agitation and a well-matured plan to accomplish the work will result in success. It is the aim of the Mission Board to take definite steps at its next meeting at National Conference toward the erection of the Washington church. Intending contributors will please give definite form to their intentions in the meantime, so the Board may know how to act in the matter. Send in your subscriptions with or without cash to Brother Lyon who is at present in charge of affairs.

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Program

Of the Kosciusko County Association to be held at Syracuse, Ind., July 15, 16, 1899.

SATURDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Devotional by chairman.

Secretary's report.

Pastors' reports.

"Present Needs of Our County Work,"

A. S. Menaugh.

Miscellaneous.

EVENING SESSION, 7:30

Devotional, L. A. Hazlett.

"What I Expect from my Members."

Short talks by the pastors.

"What I Expect from my Pastor." Short talks by the laity.

"The Part of the Church in Public Reforms," Jesse Calvert.

SUNDAY, 6:30 A. M.

6:30, Prayer and praise meeting, C. H. Marks.

9:30 Sunday school.

10:30 Sermon, C. F. Yoder.

2:30 Junior meeting, Mrs. Grace Rench.

3:00 Sermon, G. W. Rench.

6:00 Senior C. E., Mrs. Mae Baker.

7:30 Devotional, L. A. Hazlett.

8:00 Sermon, D. A. Hopkins.

Committee { C. F. YODER,
D. A. HOPKINS,
MAUDE MINEAR.

Nevada, Missouri

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Again after two months' absence our district evangelist, brother A. J. Hixson, came to us with the plain Gospel preaching to break to us the Bread of Life, but again the elements were against us and threatening clouds hindered many from coming out, but both nights there were enough of us to claim the promise and all else we submit to the Father who doeth all things well.

Oh! for more consecrated Christian workers. In our evangelist we have a true man of God, one who never shirks his duty.

Dear Kanemorado brethren and sisters, you who have every church privilege near your homes, do you often think of this consecrated worker and of the hungry hearts he makes glad. And do we in our homes do all we can or at our family altar do we pray God to touch the hearts of men to respond. Do we clinch our own dollar just a little closer.

Are we true Christians? The new life means Christ in us, we in Christ. If we have had that experience and add to that charity, how easy it would be when we enjoy church privileges to help others enjoy them too.

Just a little self denial. Just a little more of the Spirit of the Master. It is so easy to become a church member and have our names recorded on the church book, but is it so easy to be a true Christian? Straight is the path, narrow is the way. Many shall be called but few chosen.

To me nothing is sweeter than to take our EVANGELIST and read the lines penned by our mission workers. My prayers are ever for them and I pray when their labors here are ended the crown of life shall be theirs. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus.

IDA MYERS.

Philadelphia, Pa.

One more baptized last night. We are now out of season for church work in the city. But we will work just as hard as in season. Many of the churches close for the summer here. All that keep open don't get more than half of a congregation. We are praying the Lord to give us a two month's tent meeting. Our way is not yet clear, but we believe he will give us our heart's desire. We feel we do not need any vacation as the Lord has given us perfect health, for which we praise his name. We ask all the dear brethren to talk with God about the tent meeting, and ask him to open it for us and then prosper it by his presence and power.

At the business meeting of the World Wide Missionary Society, Sunday, we decided to take two \$100 endowment bonds for the College. We find by report that our society in our little, poor church is gathering at the rate of \$100 a year for the mission work. If all the Brethren churches would thus organize and systematize their missionary work we could gather \$20,000 a year for the foreign field. "For the foreign field?" Yes, for the foreign field. "And let the home missionaries starve?" Oh, no. Did you ever hear of a church that took an interest in foreign missions that let their home missionaries starve? It is the church that does not send out foreign missionaries that lets the home missionaries suffer. This is almost universally proven by history.

We who did not know any better (?) than to throw ourselves in the breach and take hundreds of dollars and often the last dollar we had in the world to save the College, who helped to build ten churches in ten years at new points, who received into the Brethren church fourteen hundred members in twelve years, who cry unto God to be forgiven for not doing more missionary work and also for

years of neglecting to pray and work for the whole gospel to be given to every creature in the whole world. Yes, we will have to answer before God for neglecting the great thought of God in not having the whole world as our field instead of a few states of this union. Shall we boast of what we have done? In the fourteen years all combined not a good day's work. On Pentecost 3000 in one day. Hence in ten years haven't done one-third of a day's work as Pentecost. Jesus is the same today. And yet some tell us we are fools for doing thus. Let the College go, they said many times to us. You will ruin yourself and family, and then lose the College. *Did we?* It will never do us any good after we save it, said others. *Want it?* It is about self supporting now and the time we get \$20,000 endowment which I believe we will get in less than twelve months, there will be an income of \$1,200 interest a year for ten years. *Brethren, its permanency is certain.* God is in it. We have one-fourth of the \$20,000 now. Praise the Lord. I would to God we had \$100,000.

Brethren please don't clamor about too much missionary work being done. Don't get scared because some churches are laying up money for the foreign field. We may not be as foolishly enthusiastic as some of you honestly think. We have *honestly* studied the missionary subject and watered it with many tears, and we believe that the Lord has laid this burden upon our hearts. He has already answered many of our prayers and some beyond our expectation. We are willing to have some of you sit back in an easy chair and criticise our mistakes, for we are sure to make some, and we need the critic, and we don't become at all offended but the Lord will push forward the work all the same. It has been the history of all missionary societies in opening up the fields, particularly the foreign fields, to make mistakes. So we ought to be *very* careful, but not so careful as *never to open them*. We had better open the fields and waste a few hundred dollars in mistakes than never to open them.

A word more relative to home work that is suffering. I am sorry that the Marion work and others have been neglected; those who knew of this work with all of its complications should have taken it in hands and saved it. I know an overly enthusiastic man, with a family of six children and very poor, who when he found out the Washington Mission was suffering borrowed \$95 and has paid interest on it for two years and gave it to the mission and the mission has been sustained from that time on. The Lord was in the Washington mission and it will succeed. I believe they will have a house in less than a year of their own. Then the permanency of the work will be assured.

So these missions should be kept up by self sacrifice. Until you have made some such sacrifices please don't oppose widening the fields. I believe that we wasted several thousand dollars in Chicago but it could hardly be helped under the circumstances.